

DMV/Donate Life California Month April 2007

WHEREAS, The Santa Barbara and South Coast Transplant Support Group has helped numerous residents of Santa Barbara to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation; and

WHEREAS, organ and tissue donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 95,000 individuals nationwide and almost 20,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant wait list, and every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting for a donated organ; and

WHEREAS, a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, and small intestine can save up to eight lives; donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others; and, a single blood donation can help three people in need; and

WHEREAS, each year millions of lives are saved and enhanced by donors of organs, tissues, and blood,

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby proclaim April 2007 to be DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH in the City of Santa Barbara, and in doing so, acknowledge the DonateLifeCalifornia.org Registry that is available online and to those who apply or renew their driver licenses or identification cards at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 4th day of April, 2007.

Marty Blyn Marty Houm, Mayor